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To whom it may concern

I am writing to share my experience from the Charter Oak ARC Program. I graduated from Charter College in 20007, with a personalized degree that focuses on Education. As a single mother of 3, my income as a daycare preschool teacher was insufficient for my family. But then, how can I get into my dream job of working in a public school system and possibly earn more income for my family needs. When I read from the Alumni newsletter about the Charter Oak ARC program, I knew immediately that my dream of becoming a teacher could be fulfilled.

The admission process was simplified by the program Coordinator Amy Watson. Though the program was highly intense and very fast pace, it's all worth it because 7 months later you could become a licensed teacher. The teachers and the coordinator were very encouraging and always available for questions and feedbacks.

I graduated from the program in 2009 and with Amy's written and verbal communication, I was hired as a preschool teacher with the west Haven Board of Education. The ARC program is a second chance opportunity for adults to become certified teachers without breaking the bank. Without this program, my goal of becoming a certified teacher in the State of Connecticut would have been a looming dream that never came through. My daughter had told me that she would like to be a teacher when she grows up because she will have more time to spend with her children. Thanks ARC!

As an Alumnus, I would like to support this program and hope that the state will continue to fund and promote the Charter Oak ARC program.

Sincerely

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